

Alleluia

*The right hand of the LORD has struck
with power; the right hand of the LORD is
exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare
the works of the LORD.*

EASTER

PLEASE PRAY...

- ✠ For a deeper unity among all Christians, as they acknowledge together and proclaim to the world the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- ✠ That Jesus, who conquered the power of death, may give our society the strength to eliminate the evils of abortion, assisted suicide, and capital punishment
- ✠ For our Confirmands and First Communion students, that the Holy Spirit will descend upon them as they begin final preparations for receiving the Sacraments

April 23rd & 24th, 2011

****MASS TIME CHANGES****

Our Summer Mass Schedule will go into effect next **Sunday, May 1st**, please note these changes!

Sacred Heart
Saturdays @ 4:00pm
Sundays @ 8:00am

Saint Agnes
Saturdays at 5:45pm
Sundays @ 10:00am

Masses on Saturday, April 30th will be following the winter schedule of 4pm at Sacred Heart and 5:30pm at St. Agnes.

The weekday Masses and Reconciliation times will not change, except for this coming week, while Father Francis is on Retreat. There will be **NO MASSES** at St. Agnes or Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 26th through Friday, April 29th.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart, are inspired by the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. We strive to use our time, talents and resources to become a real presence of Christ.

Our mission is to reach people for God, to welcome them into His Holy Church and to lovingly strengthen and support them as we journey toward our eternal home.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Key: SA = St. Agnes, Walker & SH = Sacred Heart, Hackensack

SA 8:00 pm **4/23 Mass**—*Intention for Gloria Canney*
 SH 8:30 am **4/24: Mass**—*Intention for Ervin Atkinson*
 SA 10:00 am **4/24: Mass**—*Intention for All Parishioners*

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDARS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2011,
 AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTENTION FOR OUR PRAYER CHAINS?



For St. Agnes: Call Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth at 547-2239.

For Sacred Heart: Call Joan Rueter at 682-2324 or (alternate) Lucille Abbott at 675-6102.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

ALLELUIA!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Like Mary Magdalene, share Jesus' life with all those around you by telling someone you know about what happened at Church this weekend! In addition, tell people about the work that Catholic Relief Services is doing on our behalf throughout the world, and invite them to become part of this work by contributing. Thank you for your participation this Lenten season! **Please turn your Rice Bowls into the basket in our Narthex by Sunday, May 8th.**



YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED!

TRAVELLING FAMILY ROSARY



In order to engage in prayer for the Diocesan Strategic Planning Process, Bishop Sirba has asked each parish to commit to praying the Rosary. We have a **travelling family rosary** for each parish.

Families are invited to take a special Rosary home for the week, praying each day, then return it to church for the next family over the weekend. **Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex** for those families who would like to participate.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POPE JOHN PAUL II ON THE EUCHARIST

"Celebrating this mystery (The Eucharist), we not only renew what Christ did in the Upper Room, but we also enter into the mystery of His death! We are sharers in the Sacred Triduum and the night of Easter. We are sharers in the saving mystery of Christ as we await His coming in glory. Truly, The Eucharist is the Great Sacrament of The Church. The Church celebrates The Eucharist, and at the same time The Eucharist makes the Church." - Pope John Paul II



Resolve to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord during this Easter season. Sacred Heart has a **Holy Hour each Tuesday** from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and St. Agnes has Jesus exposed Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in our **Adoration Chapel** beginning at 8:30 Tuesday mornings through 3:00 Wednesday afternoons. Additional adores are always welcome and needed!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, April 25th for Easter Monday; normal hours resume for Tuesday-Thursday.

Father Francis is on Retreat this week and will not be in the office Monday (4/25) - Friday (4/29). In case of emergency, please call the Parish Office and we can direct you as needed.

ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and rolls; we would like to get to know you!

Thanks to Rich & Gerri Majcin for serving coffee this weekend!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Rick and Nancy Schaefer have officially registered into our parish family at St. Agnes; please join us in extending a warm welcome!

SACRED HEART CCW

The April meeting will be held Wednesday, **April 27th** at 10:00am in the Sacred Heart Social Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!



WOMEN'S LAMB OF GOD PRAYER GROUP



Will begin meeting again on May 2nd. All women of the parishes are invited to join this intercessory prayer group on the first Monday of each month (May—Dec) at 6:30pm in the St. Agnes Chapel. With questions, contact Mary Becker 224-3836

Stewardship

TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE

	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$895.00	\$517.00
Envelope	\$2,574.00	\$1,154.00
UCA	\$16,150 (66%) Goal: \$24,405	\$10,049 (47%) Goal: \$21,565

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$179,901.92

ST. AGNES EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, AND LECTORS

May schedules are now available in the info rack in the Narthex

FINANCE AND PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our two parishes will be conducting elections for new members in both Finance and Pastoral councils. These councils acts as an **advisory role** to the pastor and help to guide the direction of the parish. The elected positions normally serve a 3-year term or otherwise determined by the council members.

Members should be open to new ideas, like to work as a team, and be interested in learning more about our parishes. We will need a short biography and a picture for each nominee to be included in the bulletin before election weekend. **Bios and photos need to be turned in to the office by April 27th and should be emailed to stagnes@arvig.net.**

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a member of either council, please feel free to talk to Fr. Francis or any current members in these councils.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP is on for this week! We will be helping the Angels of St. Agnes with spring cleaning so feel free to arrive as early at 4:00pm! See you at 5:30 for supper.

CONFIRMANTS: We have class next weekend, May 1st. Remember, your sponsors should plan to attend this session with you. Please carefully review the info you received by mail as we have LOTS to cover!



K-6TH GRADERS

K-6TH GRADERS: DIVING DEEPER IS ON FOR THIS WEEK—please meet in the Elementary office after school on 4/27.



PARENTS OF 1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS: We have class after school on 4/27; please have your child meet in the elementary school office. Remember to keep your calendar open for our Retreat on 5/1.

ATTENTION MOMS (AND GRANDMAS) OF BABIES—4TH GRADERS

We are exploring the possibility of offering a Mom's Group during the summer months for women with young children. This would be a fun, informal playgroup for kids with time to share and support each other as moms through a book or bible study. We hope to offer at least one 6-week session (meeting weekly or bi-monthly during June-August). Your input is needed! If you would like to participate, please contact Lori using the email address below to choose a day and time to meet. Child-care helpers will also be needed!

HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVITIES?
PLEASE CONTACT LORI AT DRE@STAGNESCATHOLIC.COM
Know God. Love God. Serve God.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

WEEK 5: "IT WAS YOU WHO CREATED MY INMOST SELF, & PUT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB, FOR ALL THESE MYSTERIES, I THANK YOU."

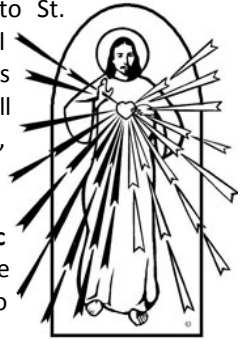
This weekly pro-life education tool will follow the development of a child in the womb from now till Christmas.

Lucy's heart is now pumping blood. All four chambers of the heart are working. The umbilical cord forms like a lifeline for the baby in the "space" of the womb. The lungs and brain start to appear along with arm and leg buds! Soon Lucy will be doing somersaults and back flips in the spacious world of the womb. Lucy's mother is also undergoing some major changes. She is probably tired and may experience morning sickness as her body adjusts to the new life within.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

HOLY HOUR ON MAY 1ST WITH DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The message of The Divine Mercy, given to St. Faustina, is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. All parishioners are invited to join us for a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration** next Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 in the afternoon in the St. Agnes Adoration Chapel to pray for greater trust and the mercy of God.



KENYAN MISSION OUTREACH

MOTO HOPE MISSION—WE REACH OUT. WE EMPOWER.

Please pray for the Moto Hope Mission! Thanks to all who attended our 4/19 meeting! There will be a planning meeting for volunteers for our June event on May 1st at 2pm at Sacred Heart.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CARING FOR YOUR PARENTS

With a growing elderly population, it's important to recognize the signs of aging and changing care needs in parents, neighbors and friends. Ann Noland, CEO of May Creek Senior Living Campus and Deb Cranny, owner of Home Instead Senior Care, are partnering to provide a four series of classes geared to help community members better understand the aging process, identify and communicate changing needs and access community services to meet these needs. **Be Informed. Be Aware. Be Prepared. Caring for Your Parents**, a four-week series of classes, will meet in the Lodge at the May Creek Senior Living Campus on Wednesdays in May. Each one-hour presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a 30-minute time for informal questions and answers. Participants may attend all four weeks, or just the specific sessions that pertain to their interests. Advance registration is not required for these free classes, but the courtesy of an RSVP will help in planning for space needs each evening.

Class dates and topics include:

- May 4: Recognizing Signs of Aging.
- May 11: Communication Issues.
- May 18: Dealing with Cognitive Issues.
- May 25: Helping Parents with Finances.

For more information on these classes, or to register, call 218-547-4515 or email anoland@maycreekcampus.com.

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE



ARE YOU 55+? This course will save you 10% on your Auto Insurance for 3 years! There are no written or behind the wheel tests. A 4 Hour Refresher will be held Apr 27 and June 9 at Sacred Heart, 8:00am to 12:00pm.
Register by calling (toll free) 1-888-234-1294

ATTENTION AREA KNITTERS

Laporte Area Knitters invite you to join them at Trinity Lutheran Church on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 1:30 -3pm to knit items for charitable organizations. All are welcome to come and spend time knitting for others. Some yarn and needles are available but it's best to bring your own supplies. Come and join the fun!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT WALKER AREA FOOD SHELF

Volunteers are needed to work on Tuesdays in May at the Walker Area Food Shelf. Workers will be restocking shelves, checking out clients and/or repackaging. Please call Viv Palmer (675-5082) if you are able to work for 3 hours on any or all of the first 4 Tues. in May.

LEGACY CHORALE CONCERT AT ST. AGNES

The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota presents "Sing, Swing, Spring: A Pops Concert" at St. Agnes on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30pm. Cost is \$10; tickets available at Pilot Independent or at the door. WHA High School Concert Choir will be featured for some selections.



A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is Risen! I want to wish each and every one of you a **Happy Easter!** I pray that your Lenten season was fruitful in preparing you for the Resurrection of our Lord. Please, continue to build up your spiritual muscles through prayer, reading of scripture, virtuous acts, and frequent reception of the Sacraments during the next 50 days as we celebrate the Easter season.



On this Easter Sunday, I want to direct everyone's attention to the insert in today's bulletin entitled "**Praying the Mass Anew: Special Insert: Easter Sunday.**" This insert gives us a review of the centrality of the Holy Mass as a celebration of Easter, not only on Easter Sunday, but for every day of the year. Learn more about the coming changes to the prayers for Mass and how we can continue to prepare for these changes, that we might find more meaning in the Mass. **Please take time to read this important insert.**

I want also to take this opportunity to thank all who help to improve our parishes and keep them running smoothly—and I know there are many, it would be hard to mention them all here! **Many thanks** to:

- Roger Nistler for donating and installing the carpet in our new Meeting Room at St. Agnes;
- Dick Strub, Don Carlson, Bob Renowski, Jim Bleth, and all the men who have helped paint and stain in our newly remodeled areas;
- Darrell Beaver for his handy-man and carpentry work and for helping clean up and organize our storage areas;
- Rosemary Ellis and Harriet Nerad at St. Agnes and Don and Mary Rudquist and the CCW at Sacred Heart and all other helpers for decorating our churches so beautifully all year round;
- Helen and Christina for keeping our church, classrooms, office and rectory spic 'n span;
- The youth who help out at Mass by volunteering as Altar Servers;
- Betty Meeks, Audrey Mergens, and Lori Duchesneau for counting and depositing our contribution monies;
- All Ushers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for aiding in our Liturgy;
- Carol Howard, Michelle Nistler, Kathy Green, Paula Abbot, Ken Johnson, and Margaret Mettler plus all choir members, for leading the music at our parishes;
- Our women's groups, CCW and Angels, for providing meals when needed and monetary support for the many missions and projects at St. Agnes and Sacred Heart;
- Skip Duchesneau, Jamie Richter, Jennie Rudolph, and Dean Garoutte for representing our parishes at the Deanery Meetings for our Diocesan Strategic Planning Process
- Our Catechists for bringing their love of Christ to the young people in our Religious Education classes;
- All who help cover hours in our Adoration Chapel at St. Agnes, and Vicki and Beth for organizing them!
- The Knights of Columbus for sponsoring opportunities for food and fellowship through their Lenten Fish Fry's;
- All of the ministry groups who helped with the Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers for these last several weeks;
- All who organized and attended the Lenten Ecumenical Services in Hackensack;
- Our Pastoral and Finance Councils, Grounds Committees, and Board of Education for advising in the missions of our parishes;
- Pete, Lori, and Joanne for helping the office run smoothly; and lastly,
- To all of our parishioners for their faithful attendance and contributions throughout the year! You make our parish family VIBRANT and we are thankful for your support in talents, treasure, and the gift of your time!

*Thank
you*

Finally, two short notes—I will be on retreat this week, hence there will be no Masses on Tuesday through Friday. If you need a priest or other assistance while I am gone, please contact the office and you will be directed as needed. And, in recognition of Easter Monday, our Parish Office will not be open on 4/25.

Our Lord has already granted us more than we can ask for in the Resurrection of Christ. As He answers our prayers, may we be ever more faithful to him, who is Lord forever and ever!

— Fr. Francis